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REF: EMBBERLIN 2179

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SUMMARY:

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2. HUNGARIAN TV HAS CARRIED SURPRISINGLY ACCURATE
COVERAGE OF THE UNREST IN EAST BERLIN DURING ROCK
CONCERTS IN WEST BERLIN AND OF THE PRESIDENT'S
SPEECH AT THE WALL. FOOTAGE INCLUDED THE PRESIDENT'S

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APPEAL TO GORBACHEV TO TEAR DOWN THE WALL. A
DISSIDENT CONTACT COMMENTED THAT THE GOH FEELS IT HAS
LATITUDE FROM MOSCOW TO NEEDLE THE OLD FOGIES IN
PRAGUE AND BERLIN. A CC CONTACT POINTEDLY OMITTED
BOTH THOSE TWO FROM HIS LIST OF "REFORMING" SOCIALIST
STATES NOW WORKING TOGETHER.

END SUMMARY

3. DURING THE EVENING NEWS ON 10 JUNE MTV CHANNEL 1
CARRIED WHAT WAS OBVIOUSLY WESTERN FOOTAGE OF YOUTHS
SCUFFLING WITH POLICE IN EAST BERLIN, ALONG
WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTING ON THE THREE SUCCESSIVE
NIGHTS OF CONCERTS. THE PRESTIGIOUS SUNDAY
WEEKLY WRAP-UP TV PROGRAM "A HET" ON 14 JUNE
CARRIED FOOTAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT THE
BRANDENBURG GATE. THE BRIEF REPORT INCLUDED REAGAN'S
CALL ON GORBACHEV TO TEAR DOWN THE WALL.

4. A HUNGARIAN DISSIDENT CONTACT EXPLAINED THIS
STRANGE NEW TV "GLASNOST" BY COMMENTING THAT THE
GOH BELIEVES IT HAS SUPPORT FROM GORBACHEV FOR ANY
SWIPES IT MAY TAKE AT THE AGING LEADERSHIP IN BOTH
BERLIN AND PRAGUE.

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5. UNTIL RECENTLY, THE GOH HAS ADHERED FAITHFULLY
TO AN EAST BLOC RULE THAT ONLY EVENTS ALREADY
REPORTED IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY OCCURRED WERE
FAIR GAME FOR THE OFFICIAL MEDIA. ALTHOUGH
TECHNICALLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULE ON THESE
OCCASIONS, HUNGARIAN TV HAS CERTAINLY NOT
REPORTED THE BERLIN EVENTS IN THE SPIRIT OF OTHER
EAST BLOC COVERAGE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE
DENIALS COMING OUT OF EAST BERLIN, AND THE
SHARP REACTION TO REAGAN'S SPEECH FROM BOTH
THE GDR AND MOSCOW.
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